

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

LISTING OF THE CLAIMS:

Claims 1-20 (Canceled)

Claim 21 (Currently Amended): A process for preparation of a cellulose acetate film comprising cellulose acetate having an acetic acid content in the range of 55.0 to 58.0%, the process comprising preparing a cellulose acetate solution according to a cooling dissolution method, ~~and~~ forming the film by a solvent casting method using the cellulose acetate solution, and stretching the film at a stretch ratio of increase of length in the range of 10 to 30%.

Claims 22-24 (Canceled)

Claim 25 (Previously Presented): The process as defined in claim 21, wherein the cooling dissolution method uses a halogenated hydrocarbon as a solvent.

Claim 26 (Previously Presented): The process as defined in claim 25, wherein the halogenated hydrocarbon is methylene chloride.

Claim 27 (Previously Presented): The process as defined in claim 21, wherein the film contains a compound having at least two aromatic rings in an amount of 0.3 to 20 weight parts based on 100 weight parts of the cellulose acetate.

Claim 28 (Previously Presented): The process as defined in claim 21, wherein the process further comprises immersing a surface of the film in an acid or alkali solution.

Claim 29 (Previously Presented): The process as defined in claim 21, wherein the process further comprises spraying a surface of the film with an alkali solution.

Claim 30 (Previously Presented): The process as defined in claim 21, wherein the process further comprises subjecting a surface of the film to a corona discharge treatment.

Claim 31 (Currently Amended): A process for preparation of a cellulose acetate film comprising cellulose acetate having an acetic acid content in the range of 58.0 to 62.5%, the process comprising preparing a cellulose acetate solution according to a cooling dissolution method, forming a film by a solvent casting method using the cellulose acetate solution, and stretching the film at a stretch ratio of increase of length in the range of 10 to 30%.

Claims 32 and 33 (Canceled)

Claim 34 (Previously Presented): The process as defined in claim 31, wherein the cooling dissolution method uses a halogenated hydrocarbon as a solvent.

Claim 35 (Previously Presented): The process as defined in claim 34, wherein the halogenated hydrocarbon is methylene chloride.

Claim 36 (Previously Presented): The process as defined in claim 31, wherein the film contains a compound having at least two aromatic rings in an amount of 0.3 to 20 weight parts based on 100 weight parts of the cellulose acetate.

Claim 37 (Previously Presented): The process as defined in claim 31, wherein the process further comprises immersing a surface of the film in an acid or alkali solution.

Claim 38 (Previously Presented): The process as defined in claim 31, wherein the process further comprises spraying a surface of the film with an alkali solution.

Claim 39 (Previously Presented): The process as defined in claim 31, wherein the process further comprises subjecting a surface of the film to a corona discharge treatment.

Claims 40-46 (Canceled)

Claim 47 (New): A process for preparation of a cellulose acetate film comprising cellulose acetate having an acetic acid content in the range of 55.0 to 58.0%, the process comprising preparing a cellulose acetate solution according to a cooling dissolution method, forming the film by a solvent casting method using the cellulose acetate solution, and stretching the film at a stretch ratio of increase of width in the range of 10 to 30%.

Claim 48 (New): The process as defined in claim 47, wherein the cooling dissolution method uses a halogenated hydrocarbon as a solvent.

Claim 49 (New): The process as defined in claim 48, wherein the halogenated hydrocarbon is methylene chloride.

Claim 50 (New): The process as defined in claim 47, wherein the film contains a compound having at least two aromatic rings in an amount of 0.3 to 20 weight parts based on 100 weight parts of the cellulose acetate.

Claim 51 (New): The process as defined in claim 47, wherein the process further comprises immersing a surface of the film in an acid or alkali solution.

Claim 52 (New): The process as defined in claim 47, wherein the process further comprises spraying a surface of the film with an alkali solution.

Claim 53 (New): The process as defined in claim 47, wherein the process further comprises subjecting a surface of the film to a corona discharge treatment.

Claim 54 (New): A process for preparation of a cellulose acetate film comprising cellulose acetate having an acetic acid content in the range of 58.0 to 62.5%, the process comprising preparing a cellulose acetate solution according to a cooling dissolution method, forming the film by a solvent casting method using the cellulose acetate solution, and stretching the film at a stretch ratio of increase of width in the range of 10 to 30%.

Claim 55 (New): The process as defined in claim 54, wherein the cooling dissolution method uses a halogenated hydrocarbon as a solvent.

Claim 56 (New): The process as defined in claim 55, wherein the halogenated hydrocarbon is methylene chloride.

Claim 57 (New): The process as defined in claim 54, wherein the film contains a compound having at least two aromatic rings in an amount of 0.3 to 20 weight parts based on 100 weight parts of the cellulose acetate.

Claim 58 (New): The process as defined in claim 54, wherein the process further comprises immersing a surface of the film in an acid or alkali solution.

Claim 59 (New): The process as defined in claim 54, wherein the process further comprises spraying a surface of the film with an alkali solution.

Claim 60 (New): The process as defined in claim 54, wherein the process further comprises subjecting a surface of the film to a corona discharge treatment.